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5 By: Senator Scott
6 By: Representatives Simmons, *Angel, Glover, Bevis, L. Thomas*

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 "EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL
11 DELEGATION FOR ITS EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL
12 GROUNDWATER SITUATION IN ARKANSAS; REQUESTING THE
13 ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CONTINUE TO
14 PROMOTE A RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM AND TO WORK FOR
15 THE WAIVER OF COST SHARING REQUIREMENTS CURRENTLY
16 PLACED ON ARKANSAS. "

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27 WHEREAS, the Arkansas General Assembly recognizes the great importance
28 of our water supply and its impact upon public health, economic welfare, and
29 wildlife habitat preservation as well as other basic yet significant needs of
30 the general population and environment; and

31 WHEREAS, the General Assembly further recognizes that the groundwater
32 supply in Arkansas is not being replenished as quickly or completely as is
33 required to meet the needs of the State, and without a comprehensive plan to
34 reverse this situation, critical aquifers will be depleted resulting in a
35 serious adverse impact on the entire State; and

36 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Water Plan, adopted by the Arkansas Soil and Water

1 Conservation Commission, identified groundwater depletion as a serious problem
2 and recommended early completion of feasibility studies underway by the
3 Commission and the Corps of Engineers; and

4 WHEREAS, since adoption of the Water Plan, two critical groundwater
5 areas have been designated and the development of comprehensive plans has
6 progressed resulting in the White River-Grand Prairie project being authorized
7 for construction by the Congress in 1998,

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
11 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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13 The General Assembly hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to the
14 Arkansas Congressional Delegation for its efforts to address the critical
15 groundwater problems in the State and respectfully requests the members of
16 that delegation to work in a spirit of cooperation and determination toward
17 achieving the goals as outlined by the Boeuff Tensas, Bayou Meto and Grand
18 Prairie water distribution districts in their efforts to reverse the severe
19 trend occurring in the Arkansas water supply.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly, on behalf of all
21 Arkansans, respectfully urges the Arkansas Congressional Delegation to remain
22 committed to securing total funding for these projects and to take appropriate
23 action to eliminate the cost sharing requirements currently placed on
24 Arkansas.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, a
26 certified copy hereof shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to
27 each member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

28 /s/ Scott, et al
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